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(6) To examine scrupulously milks and the animals producing same, their barns, and see that this product on being offered for sale is pure, and that the animals are fed on healthy food.

(7) The authorities of the different States and those of the Federal district shall inform this Department of whatever steps may be taken in accordance with this decree, in order that the President of the Republic be notified of what is needed for public health and that he may issue rules and other dispositions necessary in order to observe strict public hygiene.

Let it be communicated and published.

T. BELLO RODRIGUEZ.

#### STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CHILE—*Antofagasta*.—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 14,000. Total number of deaths, 45, including 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

COSTA RICA—*Port Limon*.—Three weeks ended August 4, 1898. Estimated population, 1,200. Total number of deaths, 12, including yellow fever, 2, and 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended July 30 correspond to an annual rate of 17.2 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Salford, viz, 27.3, and the lowest in Cardiff, viz, 9.4.

*London*.—One thousand four hundred and fifty-three deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 23; scarlet fever, 7; diphtheria, 21; whooping cough, 31; enteric fever, 7, and diarrhea and dysentery, 138. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 16.8 a thousand. In greater London 1,905 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 15.5 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 12 from measles, 15 from diphtheria, and 10 from whooping cough.

*Ireland*.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended July 30 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 20.1 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Waterford, viz, 8.6, and the highest in Wexford, viz, 54.2 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 160 deaths were registered, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 3, and scarlet fever, 1.

*Scotland*.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended July 30 correspond to an annual rate of 18.6 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,568,536. The lowest mortality was recorded in Perth, viz, 8.5, and the highest in Dundee, viz, 24.0 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 560, including diphtheria, 2; measles, 25; scarlet fever, 6, and whooping cough, 20.